

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2002-342-W - ORDER NO. 2003-139

MARCH 12, 2003

IN RE: Application of Ralph's MHP Water System for Approval to Abandon Water System in Eastover, South Carolina.	) ORDER GRANTING ) CONTINUANCE OF ) HEARING
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the request of Ralph's MHP Water System ("Ralph's MHP" or the "Company") for a continuance of the hearing scheduled for March 19, 2003, in the Application for approval of abandonment of the Company's water system located in Eastover, South Carolina. This matter was addressed by the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 11, 2003.

On February 20, 2003, Ralph's MHP's counsel, Nathaniel Roberson, filed a request that the hearing in the instant case be continued until sometime after April 11, 2003. According to Mr. Roberson, he is scheduled to be in the United States District Court in Columbia, South Carolina in representation of another client. In support of the request, Mr. Roberson attached a copy of the Order of Continuance and Scheduling issued by Cameron McGowan Currie, United States District Judge, wherein the time and dates of trial for the United States District Court case to which he is involved are delineated.

Upon consideration of the request of Ralph's MHP to continue the hearing presently scheduled for March 19, 2003, the Commission finds and concludes that the request should be granted. As Ralph's MHP's counsel has an obligatory duty to be in the United States District Court on the hearing date scheduled in the instant docket, the Commission deems that granting a continuance of the hearing is warranted. The hearing shall be held on **April 8, 2003**, at **2:30 p.m.** and accordingly, Order No. 2003-2, dated January 2, 2003, captioned "Order Establishing Prefiling Deadlines" is modified as follows<sup>1</sup>:

The Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the direct testimony and exhibits of Ralph's MHP shall be prefiled on or before **March 25, 2003**, and that twenty-five copies of the direct testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and/or intervenors shall be prefiled on or before **April 1, 2003**. (Direct testimony and exhibits may be post-marked on these dates.) Also, any rebuttal testimony and exhibits of Ralph's MHP shall be pre-filed on or before **April 3, 2003**, and any surrebuttal testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and/or intervenors shall be pre-filed on or before **April 7, 2003**. (Rebuttal testimony and exhibits and surrebuttal testimony and exhibits must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on these dates.) It should be noted that acceptance into the record of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is subject to the discretion of the Commission.

All parties shall serve their pre-filed testimony and exhibits on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All parties are reminded

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<sup>1</sup> The modifications herein relate only to the due dates for prefiling of testimony and exhibits. The instructions concerning filing, number of copies to be filed, and service on other parties have not been modified from Order No. 2002-811, but those instructions are repeated herein for emphasis to the parties.

that all witnesses must be present during any hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding, and/or may decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

Please take note that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The Hearing previously scheduled for March 19, 2003, is hereby continued and rescheduled for April 8, 2003.
2. The scheduling order for filing testimony and exhibits as set out by Order No. 2003-2 dated January 2, 2003, is hereby modified as outlined above.
3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

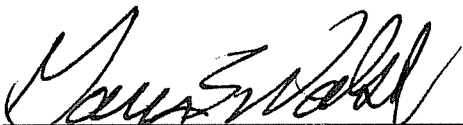
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director

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